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José Antonio Fusté
Chief Judge

Date of Birth: 1943
Education: Puerto Rico 1965 BBA, 1968 LLB
Began Service: 1985
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan

Academic: Professor of Admiralty Law, University of Puerto Rico (1972-1985); Professor of Admiralty Law, University of Puerto Rico (1996-2002)

Legal Practice: Partner, Jimenez & Fuste (1968-1985)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; American Judicature Society; American Law Institute; Association of Trial Lawyers of America; Bar Association of District of Columbia; Bar Association of Puerto Rico; Federal Bar Association; Maritime Law Association; Southeastern Admiralty Institute

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Héctor M. Laffitte
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1934
Education: Inter American 1955 BA; Puerto Rico 1958 LLB;
Georgetown 1960 LLM
Began Service: August 1983
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan
Political Affiliation: Republican

Affiliation: Member (R), Chambers of Member Hector M. Laffitte, Judicial Conference of the United States

Legal Practice: Hartzell, Fernandez & Novas (1959-1964); Private Practice (1965-1966); Nachman, Feldstein, Laffitte & Smith (1966-1969); Laffitte & Domínguez (1970-1983)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; Institute of Judicial Administration

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Carmen Consuelo Cerezo
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1940
Education: Puerto Rico 1963 BA, 1966 LLB
Began Service: 1980
Appointed By: President Jimmy Carter

Clerkships: Law Clerk, United States District Court (1967-1972)

Judicial: Judge, Puerto Rico Superior Court (1972-1976); Judge, Puerto Rico Court of Intermediate Appeals (1976-1980)

Legal Practice: Benny Frankie Cerezo, Esq. (1966-1967)

Current Memberships: Puerto Rico Bar Association

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Juan M. Pérez-Giménez
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1941
Education: Puerto Rico 1963 BA; George Washington 1965 MBA;
Puerto Rico 1968 LLB
Began Service: 1979
Appointed By: President Jimmy Carter

Government: Assistant United States Attorney, District of Puerto Rico, Department of Justice (1971-1975); Magistrate Judge, United States District Court for the District of Puerto Rico (1975-1979)

Legal Practice: Associate, Goldman, Antonetti & Davila (1968-1971)

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Salvador E. Casellas
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1935
Education: Georgetown 1957 BS;
Puerto Rico 1960 LLB; Harvard 1961 LLM
Began Service: November 1, 1994
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

Government: Secretary of the Treasury, Commonwealth of Puerto Rico (1973-1976); Civilian Aide, Secretary of the Army (1985-1989)

Legal Practice: Fiddler, Gonzalez & Rodriguez (1962-1972); Fiddler, Gonzalez & Rodriguez (1977-1994)

Military Service: United States Army (1961-1962); United States Army Reserve (1963-1967)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; Puerto Rican Academy of Jurisprudence; Puerto Rico Bar Association

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Daniel R. Domínguez
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1945
Education: Boston U 1967 BA; Puerto Rico 1970 LLB
Began Service: November 1, 1994
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

Legal Practice: Associate Counsel, Hector M. Laffitte Law Offices (1970-1973); Partner, Lafitte & Domínguez Law Offices (1973-1980); Partner, Laffitte, Domínguez & Totti Law Offices (1980-1983); Partner, Domínguez & Totti Law Offices (1983-1994)

Military Service: United States Army Reserve

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; Bar Association of Puerto Rico; Federal Bar Association of Puerto Rico; Association of Labor Relations Practitioners

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Jay A. García-Gregory
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1944
Education: Assumption Col 1966 AB; Puerto Rico 1972 LLB
Began Service: August 1, 2000
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

Academic: Lecturer(part-time), University of Puerto Rico (1975-1976)

Clerkships: Law Clerk The Honorable Hiram R. Cancio, United States District Court for the District of Puerto Rico (1973-1974)

Legal Practice: Associate then Partner, Fiddler, Gonzalez & Rodriguez (1974-2000)

Military Service: United States Navy Reserve (1962-1964)

Current Memberships: American Judicature Society; District of Columbia Bar Association; Federal Bar Association; Federal Circuit Bar Association; Federal Judges Association; Hispanic National Bar Association; Puerto Rico Bar Association

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Jaime Pieras, Jr.
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1924
Education: Catholic U 1945 BA; Georgetown 1948 JD
Began Service: 1982
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan
Political Affiliation: Republican

Government: Attorney, Tourism Bureau of Puerto Rico

Legal Practice: Private Practice (1949-1982)

Military Service: United States Army (1946-1947); Military Intelligence, United States Army Reserve (1949)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; District of Columbia Bar; Federal Bar Association; Federal Judges' Association; Institute of Judicial Administration; American Bar Association, National Conference of Federal Trial Judges; Puerto Rico Bar

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